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Beaverton Community Vision

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Background

Through the Beaverton Community Vision project, volunteers have connected with thousands of people in Beaverton and asked them to share their goals and aspirations for Beaverton's future. From the thousands of ideas we have collected, a story has emerged. That story describes the City we all want to live in and that we collectively imagine Beaverton can become. This document is our "mini-vision statement". You can read a paragraph summary of each of our five community goals and get a flavor of the type of City we heard people describe. Our goal as participants in the BCV project is to connect with you, the community at large, to help transform Beaverton into the City you have described.



Build Community

Beaverton is a vibrant, inter-connected city where residents take pride in a unique sense of place. People of all ages, from all walks of life, choose to call Beaverton home because they feel welcome, engaged and heard. Distinct gateways, public art and integrated pathways connect the city physically, while active neighborhoods, inter-cultural activities and a range of year-round events ensure it remains linked socially. In Beaverton, there is a deep appreciation for the people and cultures who came before, and a sustained investment in those who will help shape what it is to become.



Create a Vibrant Downtown

Downtown serves as the economic, social and cultural heart of Beaverton. A clearly-defined city center has been established through a phased redevelopment effort involving property owners, business partners and the broader community. Within the city center, several unique mini-districts provide destination retail and entertainment, boutique business opportunities and a mix of community gathering places. Each district is linked to the other through consistent design, street signs and art; and to surrounding residential areas by protected pathways, pocket parks and open spaces.

Easy transit access and convenient parking enable visitors of all ages, and from far and near, to attend year-round activities and events anchored by a new performing arts center and expanded farmers' market. Nationally, downtown Beaverton is recognized as the leading model for generating economic prosperity through the use of green technology and building practices.

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Improve Mobility

Beaverton plays an active role in metro-wide transportation solutions planning. Over the years, regional investments in technology and alternative transportation have reduced congestion on major roadways. Within city limits, Beaverton has continually expanded the local street grid system, enhanced road system capacity and implemented tailored traffic flow solutions at major intersections. The City has also executed critical safety improvements, including pedestrian-friendly intersection and mid-block crossings, better access to public transit facilities and an extended sidewalk system.

Beaverton has responded to increasing public demand for safe, alternative mobility options by assembling the region's finest network of bicycle and pedestrian trails. Exclusive bike paths and a "last-mile" shuttle system have been established to better-connect population and employment centers, while the advent of "20-minute" neighborhoods has reduced the number and length of vehicle trips by locating services and goods closer to residential areas. Alternative transportation use continues to grow, as access becomes easier and new options are brought on-line, including a signature street car system and strategically-located electric vehicle charging stations.



Provide High Quality Public Services

In Beaverton, community members benefit from and participate in a dynamic public services system. The city's community policing model involves residents in safety planning and execution to create geographically and culturally-appropriate programs and solutions. Beaverton schools leverage outside resources and passionate volunteers to ensure every student is afforded an opportunity to succeed, regardless of ability. Library programs and facilities expand learning opportunities and strengthen connections across generations and cultures.

Seniors are fully-integrated and an active part of the community. First-rate care facilities, activity centers and wellness programs ensure the aging population remains healthy and connected. People in need have one-stop access to assistance and resources through a state-of-the-art service center and information hotline. Homelessness has been eradicated through a combination of transitional housing and workforce training. City government is transparent,

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collaborative and efficient. Community investments are guided by a clear set of priorities, and critical information is easily-accessible to all.



Enhance Livability

Beaverton has become one of the most livable communities in the nation, thanks to a cutting-edge civic plan, a range of housing options and a commitment to sustainability. The city has established an effective balance between growth and open space by actively involving residents and development partners in community planning. Strategic investments in green technologies, expanded recycling capacity and smart-grid development have reduced the city's carbon footprint and enabled the community to do more with less.

Residents value and participate in the maintenance of the city's greenways, dynamic park system and pedestrian and bike path network. Community gardens provide educational opportunities for youth, and food for the hungry. Community clean-up days, a robust urban tree program and an active waterway preservation program all contribute to making Beaverton one of the cleanest, greenest cities in the region. At the same time, the city has established a reputation as a great place to work and do business. Active business roundtables, incentives for community-supported businesses and streamlined permitting are among the many tools the City offers to foster economic opportunity and prosperity.